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Re: Microsoft Settlement

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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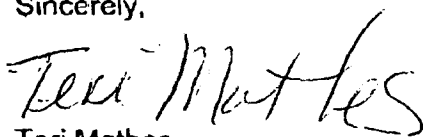
Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

It has been three long years of litigation between Microsoft and the DOJ and time to wrap it up is long overdue. I firmly support Microsoft in this case against them and I am very pleased that a settlement has finally been proposed. The economy and the IT industry has already endured so much. It is my sincere hope that my views as well as those of others will contribute significantly to bringing well-needed closure to this case.

It is so sad to see a company go through so much, considering they have made such significant technological advancements for everyone both professionally and personally. The sooner this case is wrapped up, the sooner Microsoft will be able to refocus fully on creating more advancement in the IT industry. Ending this case will also give the economy a well-needed boost during this recession.

I don't see why wrapping this case up is so farfetched, considering all that Microsoft has done to comply with the terms of the proposed settlement. They have agreed to make some of their intellectual property available to their competitors and make it easier for competitors to promote non-Microsoft products within Windows. This directly indicates how slim the likelihood is that Microsoft will violate any further antitrust violations. Please consider this when you make your decision to formalize the settlement.

Sincerely,


Teri Mathes